Amendments to Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) Implant plate for stabilizing a fracture ~~of an upper-arm head or a fracture of a proximal upper arm~~, and formed to a flat longitudinal channel for bearing against a bone, comprising:

a head-end portion and a shaft-end portion~~, forming a spoon-shaped outer contour~~;

wherein the head-end portion comprises a first head side facing and adapted to bear against the bone, a second head side opposite the first head side, and a pair of parallel-spaced head edge surfaces adjoining lateral extents of the first and second head sides;

wherein the shaft-end portion comprises a first shaft side facing and adapted to bear against the bone, a second shaft side opposite the first shaft side, and a pair of parallel-spaced shaft edge surfaces adjoining lateral extents of the first and second shaft sides;

holes for bone screws;

at least one raised receiving member extending perpendicularly outward from only the second head side ~~for a flexible fastening member, such as a wire cerclage or a surgical suture material, disposed at an outer edge or contour of a side of the head-end portion of the implant plate facing away from the bone~~;

wherein the at least one receiving member has an aperture of circular enclosed inner diameter that surrounds a central axis extending substantially parallel to the lateral

extents of the first and second head sides ~~outer edge or contour, and to the upper and lower side of the head-end portion of the implant plate,~~ for threading, passing-through, and drawing together ~~the~~ a flexible fastening member; and

wherein the at least one receiving member is provided with the aperture by being formed to be one of a tube, an eyelet, a round hook, ~~and~~ a ridge perpendicular to an outer edge of the head-end portion and having a drill hole, or a hole produced by a laser device or by punching.

16. (Previously Presented) Implant plate according to claim 15, wherein an outer edge of the aperture in the receiving member is at least one of blunted, rounded, and smoothed on an entry and exit side.

17. (Withdrawn) Implant plate according to claim 15, wherein a thickness of material of the implant plate including the head-end portion and the shaft-end portion is substantially uniform, wherein the head-end portion of the implant plate is widened to be of spoon-shape, and the shaft-end portion is designed to be comparatively narrower, and wherein all receiving members for the flexible fastening member are spaced along an outer edge or contour of the head-end portion.

18. (Withdrawn) Implant plate according to claim 15, wherein the receiving members are made from strip material by at least one of laser-treatment, punching, cutting, deep drawing, bending and edge-rolling, and wherein the apertures are made by at least one of drilling, punching, laser-treatment, deep drawing, or bending and edge-rolling.

19. (Withdrawn) Implant plate according to claim 15, wherein the receiving members consist of externally prefabricated ridges with drill holes, tubular receiving members, or round hooks, with or without a base, and wherein the receiving members are welded, pressure-welded, soldered, screwed, or riveted onto predetermined locating positions close to an edge of the strip material.

20. (Previously Presented) Implant plate according to claim 15, wherein all edges and rims intended to contact the flexible fastening member and human tissue are at least one of blunted, rounded, and smoothed.

21. (Withdrawn) Implant plate according to claim 15, wherein the head-end portion of the implant plate has a blade disposed along an extension of a longitudinal axis, the blade having a sharp edge at one end.

22. (Withdrawn) Implant plate according to claim 21, wherein the blade has at least one drill hole having at least one screw thread into which upper-arm head-screws extending from the head-end portion of the implant plate may be screwed.

23. – 28. (Canceled)